

A New Church.
The Associate Reform Presbyterians are going to build a house of worship in town. Prospect church will be moved here or rather the membership will. The committee is now looking around for a location. Anyone having a suitable lot that they will dispose of may confer with Mr. A. B. Blakely. The lot will be bought and paid for at once, but the building will not be put until next summer. It is hoped to have the building completed by September 1, 1900.—Clinton News.

People who need anything in shoes in any style or kind will find special bargains at O. B. Simmons.

Mrs. Adams has a lovely line of Xmas goods. Presents to suit every one. We give premium stamps.

Men's Hats and Caps in great variety! All shapes; all prices. Davis, Roper & Co.

Famous Hatters and Clothiers.

Sideboard No. 278 Quartered Oak, golden finish, top 24 x 54 inches, 7 feet 2 inches high, 1 mirror 24 by 30 inches, 2 mirrors 10 1/2 French beveled, 2 Napkins draws, 1 draw for silver—plush lined, 1 long draw for table linen, nice carving, piano finish. Extremely low at \$55.00.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

Clothing!! Clothing!! Clothing!!! Men's Suits \$2.50 to \$20.00; children's suits 50 cents to \$6.00; boy's suits \$2.00 to \$10.00. Prices lower than the lowest. Don't stop till you get there.

Yours for Business, Davis, Roper & Co.

Agent for J. & P. Coats Spool Cotton. Full stock always on hand. At O. B. Simmons.

Big line of collars, latest style, just in at J. E. Minter & Bros. Price 10 cents.

Don't wait till just before Xmas to buy your Clothing, Shoes, Hat, etc., but come at once and make your selection and avoid the rush. Davis, Roper & Co.

The place to buy Christmas goods and wedding gifts, and get trading stamps. Only Drug Store where stamps are given.

Palmetto Drug Co., New Drug and Book Store.

Just received a lot of fresh Snow Flake Crackers, Nuts, Citron, Pulverized Sugar for icing cakes. Also five cases of full cream cheese, and vinegar of the finest quality. All kinds of Fireworks to burn.

Laurens Mercantile Co.

Reception chair—Gold finish, very graceful and pretty. It gives the finishing touch to the parlor; \$2.95. Others in bird's eye maple, golden Oak. We invite your inspection.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

Wanted—Laurens Cotton Mill Stock in any quantity.

W. W. KENNEDY.

WANTED—Drying to do, whether small or large parcels. Prompt attention given to all orders of those who are willing to give me a share of their business. Phone 28.

TOM CREWS, JR.

Sofa pillows, cushions, satin head rests and so many pretty things for Xmas presents. At Mrs. Adams.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE NATIONAL BANK OF LAURENS, at Laurens, in the State of South Carolina, At the Close of Business, DEC. 2, 1899.

RESOURCES.

Loans and discounts,	\$69,768.63
Overdrafts, secured,	1,037.36
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation,	16,000.00
Stocks, securities, etc.,	9,118.36
Banking-house, furniture, and fixtures,	3,591.55
Other real estate and mortgages owned,	4,982.60
Due from National Banks (not Reserve Agents),	3,357.32
Due from State Banks and Banks,	90.10
Due from approved reserve agents,	1,569.60
Notes of other National Banks,	2,115.00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents,	206.49
LAWFUL MONEY RESERVE IN BANK, viz:	
Specie,	13,189.75
Legal-tender notes, \$435.00	23,624.75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (6 per cent. of circulation),	720.00
Total,	\$127,641.72

LIABILITIES.

Capital stock paid in,	\$63,000.00
Surplus fund,	15,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes, for 1899,	2,081.89
National Bank notes outstanding,	12,300.00
Due to other National Banks, and to State Banks and Banks,	3,377.90
Dividends unpaid,	141.84
Individual deposits subject to check,	31,501.16
Time certificates of deposit,	2,445.93
Total,	\$127,641.72

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, COUNTY OF LAURENS. I, Jno. Aug. Barksdale, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above is a true and correct statement of the condition of the bank to the best of my knowledge and belief.

JOHN AUG. BARKSDALE, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 28th day of December, 1899.

O. G. Thompson, J. P. L. C.

CORRECT.—Attest: JNO. A. BARKSDALE, J. E. POSEY, E. E. TODD, Directors.

Bargains in capes and jackets at O. B. Simmons.

To Book Buyers: We have just received a large stock of books—the best assortment ever brought to Laurens. You will have no trouble in selecting a book for yourself or a Christmas gift for your friend. Our prices are lower than anywhere you can buy. Come and see for yourself. Cloth bound books, good paper and print 15 and 40 cents.

New Drug and Book Store.

Good underwear cheap. Davis, Roper & Co.

It isn't how much we lose on this sale we are considering. It's an old lot of swinging lamps and to make them go quickly we have cut them deeply. \$7.75 cut to \$8.50. Many other prices.

S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co.

Shoes! Shoes!! Shoes!!! Every man, woman and child concede that this is the place to buy footwear.

Your friends, Davis, Roper & Co.

Dr. Woodward's Lecture.
Dr. F. C. Woodward's lecture last Wednesday evening was a scholarly, original and delightful presentation of his subject, the "Genius of Shakespeare." A large audience greeted Dr. Woodward and heard him with great enjoyment. While in the city the distinguished lecturer was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John Wells Todd. At 5 o'clock on Wednesday afternoon Mrs. Todd gave a delightful reception to Dr. Woodward at which the guests were the members of the Wednesday Afternoon and Tuesday Evening Clubs. Mrs. Todd was assisted in receiving by Mrs. J. O. C. Fleming, Miss Lillie C. Jones, Miss Lillie Todd and Miss Willie Jones.

A Coincidence.
Mrs. Barksdale attended the Gaffney Baptist Convention with Dr. J. A. Barksdale and Mrs. Barksdale lost her glasses on a certain evening. After her return home a pair of glasses were found near the locality where Mrs. Barksdale's were supposed lost, and sent her, and it required close scrutiny to find they were not the same but, very like.

Conference Appointments—Spartanburg Districts.
W. P. Meadows, P. E. Belmont—J. B. Banks, Jr. Giffen and Cowpens—D. Vaughn. Cherokee—J. M. Friday. Clinton—J. M. Friday. Campbell—A. H. Best. Fanning—D. H. Hodges. Gaffney—W. H. Hodges. Jonesville—E. H. Beckham. Kettling—N. Ison. Laurens—R. H. Jones. Laurens City Mission—J. M. Shell. North Laurens Circuit—J. K. McCain. Paelet Mills Station—E. S. Jones. Paelet Circuit—S. A. Nettles. Santee—C. B. Burns. Spartanburg—Central, M. L. Carille; Duncan, W. A. Fairley; Bethel and Glendale, R. T. Hays. Union—Grace Church, W. A. Massebeau; Union Mills, F. H. Shuler; Whitwell, W. B. Justus.

It is a matter of much satisfaction that Rev. R. H. Jones is retained in this city.

Mr. J. F. Bolt, a lay delegate of this city was a member of the committee which reported resolutions adopted by Conference in reference to Barbee and Smith book Agents of the Southern church.

Conference adjourned at 4 P. M. Monday, fixing Chester as the next meeting place.

Solicitor Sasse makes the following report to the Attorney General of criminal prosecutions for the year 1899:

Spartanburg—Not pressed 22; not guilty 11; guilty 76.

Union county—Not pressed 26; not guilty 7; guilty 29.

Newberry county—Not pressed 6; not guilty 3; guilty 21.

Laurens county—Not pressed 19; not guilty 8; guilty 26.

Greenwood county—Not pressed 4; not guilty 3; guilty 27.

Grand total—Not pressed 77; not guilty 32; guilty 178—287.

Wedded at Seneca.
Below we give an account of the marriage of Mr. W. D. Simpson Wright to Miss Huffman, a social favorite of Seneca. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. J. N. Wright, of Lisbon, and has a large connection and numbers of friends in the city and county to congratulate and wish him well.

Pickens, S. C., Dec. 7.—On Tuesday, December 5th, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Carey, Seneca, S. C., their niece, Miss Sadie Huffman, of Seneca, and W. D. Simpson Wright, of Pelzer, were united in marriage, the Rev. W. S. Hammit, officiating. At 1 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Carey with their usual hospitality entertained the bridal party with a delightful luncheon. The table decorations were charming, indicating the perfect taste of the hostess.

After the repast a short time was spent in social conversation, when the appearance of the minister reminded the company that a solemn ceremony would soon be enacted. With Miss Helen Cushman at the piano the sweet strains of the wedding march were softly rendered. The groom and Mr. Smyth entered first, followed by Miss Sadie Lindsay. The bride, forming a semi-circle, were met by Mr. Hammit, who performed a most beautiful and impressive ceremony.

The bride was gowned in a handsome grey cloth traveling suit. The groom wore the customary black suit and white tie.

After the congratulations the party left on the 4 o'clock vestibule for Pelzer, S. C., the future home of the happy couple, where they were tendered a delightful reception at the home of Capt. Ellison A. Smyth, Mr. Wright, being his private secretary, and a young man of the highest social position in the county, Chief Justice Simpson, of Laurens.

Miss Sadie's Seneca friends regret to lose her, but feel sure her genial manner will soon win friends in her new home. Those who attended the marriage from a distance were: Miss Lillie Wright of Laurens; Misses Cashin, of Anderson; Mrs. J. Lindsay, of Due West; J. Adger Smyth, Jr. and M. H. Baldwin, of Pelzer.—Pickens cor. Greenville News.

A Close Relationship.
The relationship which the baking powders bear towards our health is coming to be appreciated.

There is no doubt that the indigestion and dyspepsia of which many Americans complain are caused by the indigestion of alum baking powders. These baking powders, from their lower price, from their persistency with which they are advertised as pure cream of tartar powders, or from the tempting schemes with which they are offered, are being purchased by many housekeepers. That alum baking powders are unwholesome is a fact as well established as that arsenic is a poison. There must accordingly be the greatest care by the housewife to keep them from her food. A chemical analysis only will expose their true character. Even the price at which they are sold is not always a mark to identify them.

There is certain safety in the use of the well-known brand, Royal Baking Powder. The Royal is not only certified by the Government Chemists from from alum and from all adulteration, but every housewife knows the confidence when using it which she cannot have with any other powder. It is made from chemically pure cream of tartar, and is an actually anti-dyspeptic, promoting digestion and adding to the wholesomeness of the food.

For Sale—convenient and comfortable residence property (the Gaffney house) on Main Street near depot. Good terms. See J. Wade Anderson.

A regular communication of Palmetto Lodge No. 19, A. F. M., will be held at Masonic Hall, December 15th.

H. W. Anderson.

Your wife is not an extravagant woman when she tells you that she must have one of those Stoves from S. M. & E. H. Wilkes & Co. She tries three times a day to cook food that is digestible, but the old stove has served its day. Our Stoves cook to please you or your money given back.

For bargains in dress goods don't stop till you get to O. B. Simmons.

FACTS PERSONAL AND BRIEF NOTES OF RECENT EVENTS.

Judge R. C. Watts was in the city on Monday.

Mr. L. W. Simkins visited Newberry last week.

Mr. Ryland Traynham visited Greenville last week.

Miss Mary Bowen is visiting friends in Sumter.

Mr. A. B. Riley, of Cross Hill, spent Sunday with Mr. W. W. Ball.

Master Edwin Lucas is visiting relatives in Darlington.

Miss Amy Nolan has returned from a visit to Spartanburg.

Attorneys F. P. McGowan and N. B. Dial are in Columbia attending the Supreme Court.

Mrs. Cox returned to Tennessee last Saturday after a visit of several weeks to her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Lucas.

Mr. L. W. Simkins is in Columbia looking after the interests of his clients before the Supreme Court.

Misses Janie and Conway Simpson, of Pendleton, and Miss Martha Cannon visited at Mrs. J. W. Todd's last week.

The 1st day of January 1900 being a legal holiday, Tuesday following will be Salesday.

Mrs. J. R. Nolan is visiting her daughter, Mrs. L. G. Frierson, in Spartanburg.

Mr. W. A. Todd has purchased the establishment of Mr. S. C. Reid, consisting of a variety of groceries.

Miss Carrie Martin, was married at the residence of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Martin, of this city, to Mr. Alva Chandler, of Clinton, on last Wednesday afternoon. The young bride had the hearty congratulations and good wishes of a large circle of friends.

Col. J. L. M. Ivey, Mr. Barkett Henderson and Magistrate Robert Cooper went to Charleston on Monday to represent respectfully Palmetto, Brewerton and Tumbling Shoals colleges in the Grand Lodge, A. F. M., which convened at twelve yesterday in annual session.

Advices have reached us of the death of Mr. L. D. Connor, at Cokesbury, on the 11th inst., the father of Mrs. Doctor Connor of this city. Dr. Connor's office is closed for to-day. Mrs. Connor and the family have the sincere sympathy of many friends in this city.

Miss Willie N. Hampton, of Greenville, and Mr. Kirk Norris Robinson, of Columbia, were married at the residence of the bride's uncle, Mr. J. M. Hampton, of this city, at noon on last Wednesday. Rev. Robert Adams of the Presbyterian church officiating. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Robinson left for Columbia where the groom is in the employ of Southern Railroad.

W. H. Henderson.
The many friends of this gentleman a prominent citizen of Mount Pleasant, this county, will regret to learn of his death which occurred in Columbia on Sunday last. The deceased was a member of an old Laurens family which furnished many brave soldiers for the civil war, and among them no braver spirit than the subject of this notice. He leaves a daughter, Mrs. J. M. Pearce, and many relatives who mourn their severe loss. Mr. Henderson's remains were brought to this city and interred at Mt. Pleasant on Monday last.

Dr. Elmore G. Martin.
We have to record the death of this genial and kind-hearted gentleman, which occurred on the night of the 8th instant, in this city, at the home of his brother, Dr. B. E. Martin. He was a native of this county, the son of the late Reuben Martin, but had long resided in Greenwood county and practiced successfully his profession of dentistry. His remains were carried to Greenwood and buried on Friday last. Dr. Martin's passing away will be mourned and his surviving children have the sincere sympathy of many friends.

MILL MEN VISIT US.
Inspection of The Laurens Cotton Mills by Northerners.—Directors Meet.

Travelling in two pullman cars a notable party of fifteen northern men visited Laurens last Saturday and inspected the Laurens Cotton Mill. In the party among others were Mr. Miliken, of New York, A. W. Green, of New Jersey, C. E. Perkins, of New York, Mr. Wills, of New York and Messrs. Stirling and Stephen N. Greene, of Boston. The members of the party were enthusiastic in their praises of the Laurens Cotton Mill and expressed themselves as greatly gratified with its highly prosperous condition. They carefully examined every feature of the plant and in their two hours inspection became perhaps more familiar with it than is the average native, for the reason that they were all experienced, practical, mill men. The party was accompanied by Mr. Richards and Mr. Hays, of the Southern railroad and Supt. Anderson, of the C. & W. C. Among other visitors were Messrs. Joseph Sirrine of Greenville, and John B. Cleveland and Dr. Jesse Cleveland, of Spartanburg, both of the latter being mill presidents. It was stated that the aggregate wealth of those composing the party is two hundred millions of dollars.

At the same time a meeting of the directors of the Laurens Cotton Mill was held in the office of President Lucas at which a semi-annual dividend of four per cent, payable Jan. 1st 1900, was declared. Mr. Stephen N. Greene, of Boston, was elected a director in place of the late Dr. J. P. Simpson.

Messrs. William Bird, of Charleston and V. M. Montgomery, of Paelet, were also present. The board is now composed of Messrs. Miliken, President Lucas, and Messrs. Bird, Montgomery, N. B. Dial, J. O. C. Fleming, F. J. Hale and S. N. Greene. Mr. Hale, of Boston, was unable to be present.

A Good Show.
The Lee Stock Company will begin their three nights engagement in the city Opera House on Thursday night, Dec. 14th. The company is composed of good actors and actresses and give good clean performances at popular prices, 10, 20 and 30. The Sumter Herald of Dec. 9th has the following to say of the company:

"The Lee Stock Company, which has held the boards at the Opera House every night this week, has greatly pleased the audiences which attended their performances. The members of the company have done some excellent acting and have made many friends during their stay here. The show is thoroughly clean and wholesome, and the prices of 10, 20 and 30 cents should induce many to go out."

The play to be presented on Thursday night is "In the Heart of Cuba." Admission, 10, 20 and 30 cents. A lady will be admitted free on Thursday night if accompanied by a person with a 30 cent ticket. Seats on sale at Davis, Roper & Co.



Christmas is Coming.
Our complete line of Holiday Goods is now ready for your inspection. Call early and make your selections.

Gifts for ladies is a special feature of our stock. For your Sister or Sweetheart. Many things that would delight your wife. Others that will please your dear old mother. We didn't forget the babies either. Little odd gifts at odd prices. Much to choose from. Don't miss our Holiday Display.

The Laurens Drug Co.
Todd Block.
Laurens, S. C., Dec. 6, '99.

Fitted With a Shoe

FROM our stock of Footwear the pedal extremities of man, woman and child, will work or rest in comfort. Here is foot care for all. Every pair of shoes is correct in style and perfect in finish; all are made of excellent material; narrow and wide lasts; and every length in stock. Prices ARE AS PLEASANT as the goods. Zephyr, in ladies and children's, and Bay State in men's and boys', are our hobbies. In

Dress Goods, Millinery Goods.

Newest and best, and to be had at Prices to suit all. Yours, respectfully,

O. B. SIMMONS

FURNITURE

The Best and the Cheapest!

The cheapest because it is the best. Cheap furniture in make and quality is not cheap in dollars and cents, matters not how little it costs.

The cheapest furniture possible to buy is the best furniture. Understand now, that the best does not imply a whole lot of extra touches, which only adds to the style and expense, but is of no practical benefit.

We keep that kind for folks who are exacting as to style, and who are not so particular about the expense; who want everything that can't be had in the more attractive, more elegant.

But the best can be had in the more plain, the more moderate styles, and this is just where our line sticks out most prominently.

Our line of furniture is suited for folks who appreciate good quality, good style, and who are careful in their expenditures.

For folks who want their money to go as far as it is possible to make it go, and yet, withal, get something good, reliable; something worth taking care of.

No. 101.
Size 25 x 52 inches; 18 x 32 inches, French bevel Mirror, Quartered Oak, Golden Finish, Swell ends and front.

Price \$23.98

Freight Paid on \$10.00 Purchases.

Smoot & Wilkerson
Laurens, S. C.

THIS WEEK

W. G. WILSON & CO. will show a new line of Black and colored silks. Also choice Weaves in fine Black All-Wool Dress Fabrics. See the new line of Table Linens. Linen Huck Towels 55 cents per dozen.

CUT PRICES

on the following Goods for the next ten days for the Holidays:

Plush and Cloth Capes, Blankets and Heavy Underwear.

It is false economy to buy something you do not require but if any of the above articles come within your immediate wants it will pay you to make a personal inspection of same.

Respectfully,
W. G. WILSON & CO.

J. H. SULLIVAN, President.
B. A. SULLIVAN, Manager.

Laurens Mercantile Co., (CORPORATION.)

A BIG LOT of Shoes from 60 to 85 cents. These Goods are rare Bargains. We handle the Chas. Hiser's, hand-made, in all styles of toes for men. The Cincinnati Custom, made in all shapes for Ladies—this Shoe is a beauty.

See our line of TRUNKS all sizes and prices. Boys' Suits from \$1.00 to \$4.00; Ladies Capes from \$1.00 to \$5.00.

Just received another shipment of Dove Hams—try them you will use no other brand.

Buckwheat, Maple Syrup, Raisins, Citrons, Currants, Prunes, Etc. Now is the time to make your Fruit Cake.

LAURENS MERCANTILE CO.
THE PLACE—TODD BUILDING—formerly Todd & Huff's stand.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS.

State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF LAURENS, COURT OF PROBATE.

Charles W. Burton, individually and as Adm't of Permella C. Burton, Plaintiff, vs. Mary E. Wood, James Franklin Burton, et al., Defendants.

The creditors of Permella C. Burton, deceased are hereby notified and required to present and establish their demands at a reference to be held in the above stated action on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1899.

O. G. Thompson, J. P. L. C.

Dec. 5, 1899.—Bt.

Dr. Rolfe E. Hughes, Oakes—Todd Building, Phone 75; and Cotton Mills Store, Phone 109.

Specially prepared for Examining and Treating diseases of Eye, Ear, Throat and Nose.

Nov. 26th 18-9.

Notice to William H. Mitchell and Lillie Mitchell, alias Arnold, Absent Defendants: Take notice that the summons and complaint herein were filed in the office of the Clerk of the Court of Common Pleas, for Laurens County, in said State, on the 23rd of November, 1899.

FERGUSON & FEATHERSTONE, Plaintiff's Attorneys.

Buying Shoes

is quite a serious matter if you haven't money to burn. It pays to be careful—to look about and find the best place—even in buying Shoes. Some one dealer must have better shoes than the others—must have better prices. He's the one you want. Look around until you find him. It won't do any harm to start here.

Very respectfully,
J. E. Minter & Bro.
Laurens, S. C., Dec. 6, 1899.

THE OLD FIRM **KENNEDY BROS.** will continue the Undertaking business at the old stand. COFFINS, CASKETS AND ROBES, and HEARSE, at the **LOWEST PRICES.**

A continuance of the generous patronage hitherto extended respectfully solicited.
KENNEDY BROS., Laurens, S. C.

Glenn Springs Hotel,

GLENN SPRINGS, S. C.

Quinn of Southern Summer Resorts, LEADS ALL OTHERS.

There is but one Glenn Springs, and it has no equal on the Continent for the Stomach, Liver, Kidneys, Bowels and Blood.

Hotel Open June 1st to Oct. 1st.

Cuisine and Service Excellent.

The Greatest Resort in the South.

For Board apply to SIMPSON & SIMPSON, Glenn Springs, South Carolina. Water \$1.75 per case, bottles to be returned.

Water for sale by The Laurens Drug Co., Kennedy Bros., Dr. B. F. Posey, Laurens, S. C.